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## Dear Madame Secretary:

I believe Internet access is important to staying ahead as a country in both the business word and the field of education. Unfortunately in some areas, access to fast, broadband services is costly and often unavailable. Our schools and businesses in rural areas could really benefit from ecommerce and on-line resources.

I support the movement to bring free, fast broadband access to all Americans. This move would allow schools who cannot currently afford broadband access to make it available to its teachers

Sincerely. Robert B. Partin

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